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SUBJ: NE WIN TO VISIT THAILAND

FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN APRIL 7 NATION. BEGIN TEXT:

NE WIN SCHEDULED TO MAKE FIRST VISIT HERE NEXT MONTH:

GENERAL NE WIN, CHAIRMAN OF BURMA'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL,
IS EXPECTED TO VISIT THAILAND NEXT MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT'S
INVITATION ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES.

THE BURMESE LEADER WHO ON WEDNESDAY WAS MARRIED TO A HISTORY
TEACHER AT RANGOON'S ARTS AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY HAS CONFIRMED
IN WRITING THAT HE WILL VISIT THAILAND SOMETIME NEXT MONTH. THE
DATE HAS YET TO BE FIXED THE SOURCES SAID.

GEN NE WIN A WIDOWER SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER 30 WAS MARRIED TO DAW
NINIMYINT IN A BUDDHIST CEREMONY AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
RANGOON SAID YESTERDAY

THE BURMESE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WILL MARK A MAJOR STEP
TOWARDS A MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THAILAND

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE SOURCED A FEW YEARS AGO
WHEN BURMA ACCUSED THAILAND OF ACCOMMODATING FORMER
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BURMESE PRIME MINISTER U NU AND HIS REBELS ON THAI SOIL.

THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED IT HAS NO POLICY TO SUPPORT U NU
AND HIS MOVEMENT.

GEN NE WIN' S VISIT FOLLOWS THAT OF BURMA' S FOREIGN MINISTER U
KYAW SOE LATE LAST MONTH DURING WHICH HE AND THE THAI LEADERS
AGREED TO DEMARCATHE THE RUGGED THAI- BURMESE BORDER TO PREVENT
FUTURE
INCIDENTS

U KYAW SOE' S VISIT TO BANGKOK CAME SHORTLY AFTER DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER CHATCHAI FLEW THERE FOR TWO- DAY VISIT.

BURMA HAS BEEN INVITED TO JOIN IN THE PROPOSED 10- NATION
SOUTHEAST ASIAN CONFERENCE.

RANGOON HAS ALSO BEEN APPROACHED TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE ASEAN
MEETING IN PATTAYA NEXT MONTH.
IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER BURMA WILL ACCEPT THE INVITATIONS.
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